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In response press queries, you may answer as follows:

NATO, following Soviet threats in 1957 of missile warfare, agreed at its 1957 Heads of Government meeting to establish a defensive missile system. In pursuant of this declaration, agreement was reached for the establishment of such bases in Italy and Turkey. When the new Administration came into office, it conducted a review of United States security arrangements throughout the world. We reviewed security arrangements with all our NATO allies, including Turkey. We did not ask our allies to dismantle any modern weapons system.

FII: Above does not go beyond quote attributed Erkin in Embtel 594 as far as presence of bases is concerned. END FII.

Past authorized, in its discretion, to deny Amb Stevenson gave interview to Aksam correspondent or spoke to him on subject Turkish bases.

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